

MEMORIAL  
OF THE  
LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,  
IN RELATION

*To the establishment of a navy-yard at Biloxi, in said State.*

MARCH 27, 1860.—Read and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

A MEMORIAL of the legislature of the State of Mississippi to the Congress of the United States, in relation to the establishment of a navy-yard at the Bay of Biloxi, in said State.

Whereas there is a large amount of shipping engaged in commerce upon the waters of the Gulf of Mexico to ports of the United States, as well as those of foreign countries of great present value, and of growing importance; and whereas, there is needed some central point where the same may be built, repaired, and sheltered; and whereas, the material therefore may be cheaply, easily, and conveniently had at the mouth of the Bay of Biloxi, in said State of Mississippi; and whereas a government navy-yard is there needed, as well for domestic convenience and protection, as for general use and defense.

*Be it therefore resolved by the legislature of the State of Mississippi,* That our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives be requested to procure the establishment of a government navy and and dock-yard, at or near the mouth of the Bay of Biloxi, in the State of Mississippi, and that they urge upon the said Congress the necessity therefore arising out of the great and growing shipping interests upon the central waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

*Be it further resolved,* That the governor cause to be transmitted to each of our senators and representatives in Congress, a copy of the foregoing memorial and resolution.

Approved, February 7, 1860.

JOHN J. PETTUS.

